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1. THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL WERE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, AND AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. THE INFCEP PAPER WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, DOUG ANTHONY. FOLLOWING IS THE GOA RESPONSE, TRANSMITTED BY LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. QTE WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO ADD AT THIS STAGE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN INFCEP AND REAFFIRM AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE A GENERAL INTEREST IN ALL THE TOPICS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 5 ON HEAVY WATER. HOWEVER, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW OUR CENTRAL INTEREST IS IN

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THE TOPICS OF URANIUM SUPPLY/DEMAND AND FUEL ASSURANCES. ENRICHMENT, WASTE AND SAFEGUARDS.

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER HAS APPOINTED THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AS OUR DESIGNATED AGENCY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER COLLABORATION WITH YOU ON

THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THERE ARE TWO OTHER POINTS WE SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE.

WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW UNITED STATES THINKING ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INFCE AND PROGRESS IN THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP, THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE AND THE IAEA ON MEANS OF STRENGTHENING THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND IMPROVING SAFEGUARDS MEASURES.

WE WOULD NOT WANT IMPROVEMENT OF SAFEGUARDS TO BE DELAYED OR NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO ANY EVENTUAL AUSTRALIAN URANIUM SALES TO BE HELD UP PENDING THE OUTCOME OF INFCE.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO INFORM YOUR AUTHORITIES. END QTE

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